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Spontaneous Combustion

Being an account of the doings of the Merry Men of Mericourt in three reels.

PROLOGUE

A meeting of ratepayers of Mericourt S.D. was held at the residence of Jas. Hardie on November 27, for a general pow-wow and to oust a trustee from office.

REEL NO. ONE

The meeting was called to order by the Master of Ceremonies. Mr. Finnerty.

The fireworks started when the trustee in the stages of being ousted asked why and for what purpose the meeting had been called. Whereupon the ratepayers with one accord, without resort to law or order answered him in a very able manner. Much discussion followed and then a vote was taken.

REEL NO. TWO

Two candidates ran for office, Mr. Charles Stringer and Mr. James Hardie, both very capable men. When the ballot box was opened and the votes counted, Mr. Stringer emerged from the crowd with a smile of triumph and sceptre in hand, to be greeted by uproarious bursts of applause. His majesty made obeisance time and again to

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Fire Ruins East End of Oyen Theatre

Prompt alarm and quick response by fire fighters prevents widespread conflagration. Smoke and heat damages plaster in main auditorium.

Amateur Players Score Success

All who were so fortunate as to attend the presentation of "Peg O' My Heart", last Friday night, are unanimous in the opinion that it was a good play unusually well portrayed.

The cast of players from Marengo was well chosen and each presented a true interpretation of the role played. All contributed in accordance with the scope of their parts to the complete success which the production enjoyed.

The stellar role of Peg was notably well played by Miss Evelyn Stecks who revealed exceptional ability in living the part, and held her audience spellbound throughout. The difficult roles of the sophisticated members of the Chichester family were truly depicted by Miss Mary Mac Donald, the Mater; Mr. Tattersall, whose accent won the audience, and Miss Horler, the bored worldly wise daughter, Ethel. Mr. J. Sam-

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Shortly after 11 o'clock p.m. on Thursday, December 7, fire was seen issuing from the rear of Oyen theatre by Mr. W. V. Miller. Realizing that every moment counted he rushed from his home scantily clad in night attire to turn in an alarm. Quickly responding to the call fire-fighters rushed the chemical engine over from the fire hall and instantly put it into operation. At this time the east end of the theatre back of the proscenium was a roaring inferno. Flames had broken through the east and south walls and the situation looked extremely grave. For awhile it looked as if the building was doomed, to be followed by the Masonic hall and possibly the Anglican church. But a steady, well directed stream was kept on the blaze and each new outbreak was quickly subdued. Just when the situation appeared to be well in hand fire broke through the roof on the north side of the building, but with this danger overcome, the fire was bested and the tension over.

In the early stages of the

Village of Oyen

Notice is hereby given that, under the provisions of The Tax Recovery Act, 1929, the Village of Oyen will offer for sale at public auction, at the Village Council Chamber, Oyen, on Wednesday, the 20th day of December, 1933, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, the following lands:

Lot	Block	Plan
N.E. 20 feet of 5 and 21, 22 and 23	2	4490 AR
3	5	3731 CD
"A" except a 50 foot strip running from north-west corner of the lot south-west 135 feet along north-west side of the lot		
16, 17 and 19	6	4490 AR
8	7	6980 AW
9	9	6980 AW
4 and 5	10	1212 RR
6	11	3731 CD
5 and 7	13	3731 CD
	17	7936 CC

Each parcel will be offered for sale subject to a reserve bid, and subject to the reservations contained in the existing certificates of title.

Terms, cash or accepted cheque. Redemption may be effected by payment of the full amount of arrears of taxes and costs at any time prior to the sale.

Dated at Oyen, Alberta, this 21st day of October, 1933.

F. C. BLISS,
Secretary-Treasurer.

fire Charles Stewart, postmaster, was preparing to remove all mail and equipment from the post office and members of the Masonic order Somme Chapter O.E.S. removed documents and paraphernalia from the Masonic hall, while others were ready to move what they could from the office of the Oyen News, but this proved unnecessary. It is understood that the loss is partially covered by insurance.

Excellent work was done by the fire brigade and assistance was always readily given when needed by volunteer helpers. Particular credit is due to Mr. W. V. Miller for so promptly turning in the alarm. His promptness was a large contributing factor to the subsequent success which crowned the efforts of the fire-fighters.

The origin of the fire is not known, but it is believed to have been caused by faulty wiring causing a short circuit.

Santa Claus' Headquarters

Only a few more shopping days until Christmas

We have a very nice assortment of goods for Christmas Giving. You are invited to inspect our stock. We can help you to make your selections

Christmas Groceries

3 lbs. mixed Nuts for	50c	Cherries or pineapple, per tin	18c
Mixed Candy per lb. 18c and up.		Shelled Walnuts per lb.	37c
Raisins and Currants, per lb.	18c	Smyrna Figs, per packet	10c
Raspberries and Strawber-		Jap Oranges, per box	1.15
ries, per tin	25c	11 oz. bottle Stuffed Olives	30c

S. A. MILLER

Here and There

The Canadian Pacific Railway supply farm, Strathmore, Alta., had the best Holstein cow in the four-year-old or over (not in milk) class at the Royal Winter Fair recently held at Toronto.

Banff Winter Sports Carnival will be held from January 31 to February 4, it is announced. The carnival will be followed by a series of sports week-ends, each being devoted to one particular type of sport.

The problem of truck-rail competition was declared a national one by S. Hayes, M.A., in a recent address before the Engineering Institute. He saw regulation and restriction in areas where the truck does not belong as the only solutions.

Christmas festivities this year will be enlivened by Japanese oranges of which 38,400 boxes arrived at Victoria recently aboard the Empress of Canada, for distribution to a number of Canadian cities. 5,000 boxes were left at Victoria and the fruit will doubtless feature in the Empress Hotel Yuletide celebrations.

Since October 1, 1930, a total of 101,765 people have been settled on Canadian farms or given farm employment under the auspices of the Dominion Department of Immigration and the two great transcontinental railway companies, according to a report issued by the Department of Immigration. 89,236 of these people were settled without financial assistance.

Expression of confidence in a brighter business outlook in Canada, coupled with definite improvement in conditions throughout the Dominion, was made recently by H. J. Humphrey, general manager, Canadian Pacific Railway, eastern lines, in an interview during his trip of inspection to the Maritimes prior to the opening of the winter navigation season.

Five ports hitherto not touched at by world cruises — Penang, Straits Settlements, Semarang, Java, Boelewang and Padang Bay, Bali, and Zambouang in the Zula Archipelago — have been added to the 1934 itinerary of the Canadian Pacific liner Empress of Britain, sailing from New York January 4. The cruise will cover 132 days and 30,916 miles and will return to New York May 14.

Special low fares with generous time limits for the return trip will be available on Canadian railroads for the Christmas and New Year holiday periods, it is announced by C. P. Riddell, chairman, Canadian Passengers' Association. These low rate tickets will be good between all stations in Canada and also between points in Canada and certain United States connections.

The second reunion of all pilots and observers who had commissions and wings before November 11, 1918, will be held at the Royal York Hotel, Toronto, on Armistice Day. First reunion was held April, 1932, when 325 wartime flyers from a number of countries attended. The second reunion is expected to be one of the most brilliant functions ever held at the palatial Canadian Pacific hotel.



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\$2.00 for Three yrs.

Good Housekeeping

\$3.50 for One year.

Saturday Evening Post

\$1.50 for One year.

Ladies Home Journal

\$1.50 for One year.
\$2.75 for Two years.

Chas. L. Dunford

AGENT
At the News Office

Canadian scenery dwarfs that of Scotland, a lake in the Gatin-eau Valley was more magnificent than Loch Lomond while Lake Louise in the Rockies was to him almost a celestial vision, according to Lord Macmillan, chairman of the Royal Commission on Banking, expressed just prior to sailing on the Empress of Britain for England.

Informal discussion on closer working relations between the Canadian railways and aviation companies of the Dominion are in progress. With Canada lying on the most direct route between Europe and the Orient, this country is in a unique position to take care of a large proportion of the traffic now moving between Europe and the East.

Constituting what is regarded as the finest collection of mounted square-tailed speckled trout ever assembled from the same locality in a single season, seventeen fine specimens of this variety and one rainbow trout were entered in the Nipigon River Camp Guides mounted trout contest recently judged and prizes awarded by the Tourist Department of the Canadian Pacific Railway.

A Christmas and New Year's cruise to the Caribbean and a round the world cruise later by the same ship, the Empress of Britain; a Mediterranean cruise by the Empress of Australia; two Duchess of Bedford cruises to the West Indies and twenty trans-Atlantic sailings from Canadian ports are scheduled for Canadian Pacific liners for this winter season.

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Flax.....	114

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Sunday, December 17

OYEN UNITED CHURCH

OYEN 7.30 p.m.

Rev. E. F. KEMP

All are cordially invited.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Evensong 3.00 p.m.

Rev. C. M. K. PARSONS

SACRED HEART CHURCH

Mass 11.00 a.m.

Rev. Fr. J. C. LYNETT

About Town and Country

The W.A. of the Anglican church desire to thank all friends for the fine support given at their bazaar and sale of home cooking.

Excel Items

Farming Valley School

November Report

Grade I—Gordon Vanstone

78.

Grade II—Dorothy Bishop

82.

Grade IV—Irene Vanstone

68.

Grade VI—Ross Vanstone

62.

Grade VII—Eldon Rogers

80, Helen Bishop 76, Ethel

Rogers 73, Ralph Caskey 70,

Billy Lodmell 69.

Grade VIII—Stanley Van-

stone 66.

Grade IX—Grace McColl 57.

Grade X—Eva Caskey 81,

Eileen Rogers 74, Nelson

Lodmell 58.

Mrs. C. I. Lodmell, Teacher.

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A card party will be held

on December 9 at the home

of Mr. F. E. Bishop. Charge

10 cents. Proceeds to go in

support of the Excel Curling

Club.

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Morning services at 11 a.m.

instead of the regular even-

ing services will be held in

Oyen United church on Sun-

day, December 24th and 31st

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the bursts of applause before he could express his appreciation of the confidence reposed in him. We look forward to greater things from our successful candidate, who no doubt will again be ably assisted in the next election by his collaborators, Messrs. Finnerty and Evans, providing they meet with no opposition from legal advisors.

Among the jubilant faces of the successful party the morose countenances of the ousted trustee and the vanquished candidate, were very noticeable. This meeting then adjourned with the new officer on the board.

REEL NO. THREE

The board then came to order at the call of the Master of Ceremonies. The ousted trustee approached the room demanding his legal rights on the board. Then and there was where the newly elected trustee showed his ability to handle the situation in a businesslike way. Casualties were few due to the timely intervention of the secretary.

While this meeting was in progress another interesting meeting was in session in the kitchen. Here the ladies heard and disposed of all the latest gossip.

Both meetings were adjourned when the rich contralto voice was faintly heard above the din, spreading oil upon the troubled waters.

The assembly then dispersed, with a recollection of "The voice that breathed o'er Mericourt".

Amateur Players Score Success

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ple played the rogue's part well, and Mr. Jim Gainer, well known to Oyen audiences proved a charming Irish Lord worthy of the much sort affections of the charming Irish immigrant. Mr. Wilson, as a lawyer and Allan McLeod and Mrs. Fair, as butler and maid respectively, contributed the finishing touches to the well balanced presentation in a

CHAS. L. DUNFORD

A Commissioner for Oaths

PERFECT MAPLE LEAF



The most beautiful maple leaf, prize winner in the nationwide competition conducted by the Canadian Pacific Railway, was submitted by Mrs. C. McConnell, Fredericton R. No. 3, York County, New Brunswick. It has a flare of autumn coloring ranging from light yellow to deep blood red, and its perfect symmetry and form won it distinction in competition with 10,000 other beautiful leaves, submitted by enthusiastic Canadians from Coast to Coast. The leaf, a thing of sheer beauty, was selected by such outstanding artists as C. W. Simpson, R.C.A., R. W. Pilot, R.C.A., and James Brockert.

In the largest leaf phase of the competition, six-year-old Bobby Dume, of Revelstoke, B.C., made an astonishing win with a leaf showing an area of 222 square inches.

The success which greeted the original competition this year has encouraged Canadian Pacific officials to plan for another competition on a larger and more comprehensive scale next fall.

FOR SALE—Dining room table and six chairs; also buffet. Enquire Box 33, Oyen News. 345

FOR SALE OR TRADE—Two one-ton trucks, good repair, good rubber, grain boxes, stock racks. Will trade for good horses. E. L. Long Phone R 512, Delia, Alta.

FARMS FOR SALE

We have several good farms for sale, listed hereunder, which are at present farmed by tenants, but we are willing to sell them at reasonable prices, with small cash payments to responsible farmers. If interested, write for further particulars, and weather permitting our representative will endeavour to come down on this line of railway within the next two or three weeks.

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CORONATION—Half-Section, adjoins town, practically all broken, fenced, good well, fair buildings.

CASTOR—Half-Section, 250 acres broken, fair buildings, well located. We have also 160 acres, 90 acres broken small house and barn.

GADSBY—Half-Section, 240 acres cultivation, fair buildings, plenty of water, close to gravel road.

ERSKINE—1,120 acres, about 700 acres broken, 200 acres summer-fallowed, one mile to elevator, fair buildings.

HEISLER—160 acres of which 100 acres broken, all summer-fallowed this year, small buildings, close to town.

KIRRIEMUIR—610 acres, of which about 400 acres in cultivation, plenty of water, fair buildings.